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## TITLES TO LOTS IN NEMAHA ARE GOOD MR. SIMON AVERS

Townsite Resurveyed; Preparing To File An Amended Plat

DISAGREES WITH COUNTY ASSESSOR Says Tracts In Adjacent Subdivisions Are Assessed, Taxed

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 9, 1926. Mr. Howard Sharp, Editor of The Everglades News, Canal Point, Florida. My dear Mr. Sharp: Will you kindly publish the following letter to the assessor article in The News of March 5th, 1926.

Our county tax assessor gives some "pertinent" information, according to The Everglades News of March 5th. "The original owners are and have been paying taxes on the land, thereby depriving the owners the privilege of paying their own taxes." Said indeed.

"Failure of the promoters to put a corrected plat on record deprived some of the residents of Canal Point the right of suffrage, because the law makes the payment of real estate taxes a requisite to vote in bond elections." Unfair, unjust and outrageous!

Any person, having a deed to land or a contract for a deed has a legal right to vote in bond elections. A lesson in kindergarten law might have kept the "deprivation vote" out of the assessor article.

The article further states that the "owners of real estate at Canal Point cannot get loans on their property because the title still remains in the original owners." Great! What a discovery!

"The condition has other results which are bitterly resented." What are the results and by whom resented?

Our county assessor's judicial finding is that "the plat does not state that the subdividers of the land are the owners, neither does the survey certificate certify that he has surveyed the entire plat." Another profound judicial finding is that some of the subdivisions of this land and did not join in the plat, hence it is not usable for assessment purposes.

Another finding of the assessor is that the judge and jury in this case are final; however, I am perhaps, taking a serious and dangerous step in questioning the soundness of the assessor's duties were confined to the assessment of property and did not include the nature of judicial duties; however, I am not familiar with the law of an assessor's duties but will add if this is incumbent on the assessor he has a real man's job ahead of him, as I am reliably informed that many thousands of palms in Palm Beach county are in the hands of the assessor.

Has our county assessor, just now, has he been asleep for the past six or eight years? Better hire an army of assistants and get busy and straighten up these titles.

I am curious to know why Nemaah was selected as the first. Long Beach Colony, 1155 north of the northernmost part of Nemaah, was platted before Nemaah by two of the same who platted Nemaah and surveyed by the same surveyor and the conditions were, exactly the same and yet it was placed on the tax rolls and our assessor is not has been certifying it for continuing taxes several years. Are there anything wrong with the titles in that subdivision? Has not competent attorneys passed on titles for lands there? Oh, consistency thou art a jewel!

Perhaps there is something back of the Nemaah move and it is being kept under cover, in other words it is being "nigger in the woodpile"? Or, is he bringing him out in the open and then we will know how to deal with him?

I am wondering if this is meant for a stab in the back of the subdividers and to further reiterate the improvement of Nemaah and prevent the sale of lots by creating the impression that the title to property is not good, or is it done to cast a suspicion cloud on the title of the lands already sold, thereby preventing the owners from securing loans if they so desire, and to account for the fact that the very thing the subdividers were charged with.

What effect the article of March 5th will have on the sale of lots and the development of Nemaah may be determined in the regular way. Also to what degree it may injure those who have already purchased lots time will tell.

This letter is written without consulting the other promoters, we are separate parts and handle them separately. In conclusion I will say that

## Meeting of Farmers At Canal Point On 17th

County Agent S. W. Hiatt will hold a farmers' meeting for the farmers of Canal Point and Pahokee in the Canal Point school house, Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Hiatt will be assisted by men from the experiment station at Gainesville, from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, and others.

every person who bought a foot of land from me will get just what he bought and just where he bought it and I want here and now stake my reputation on the fact that the title to their lands in Nemaah is first class, good and merchantable, the assessor article to the contrary notwithstanding.

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## REPEAT MINSTREL TUESDAY EVENING PAHOKEE THEATER

Show At Canal Point on Friday Night Was Great Success

AUDIENCE LAUGH TILL THEY CRIED

But Womans Club Has Not Much Money Out Of It Yet

Misses and young matrons who are members of the Canal Point Womans Club sewed on ruffles or took a hem out of their party dresses Friday and let their skirts down to their feet, with the other women of the club donned mother hoods and kitchen aprons and put burnt cork on their faces and gave a minstrel show at the Methodist church.

Their requisitioned Fred Reynolds and Joe Greene, manager and chef at the Quick Lunch, and a group of other women of the club donned mother hoods and kitchen aprons and put burnt cork on their faces and gave a minstrel show at the Methodist church.

The show was given to get money for a Womans Club clubhouse to be erected on a lot G. A. Watkins will donate. The expenses of the affair have not left the club much money, as they hoped to get but the women have proved the possession of talent and enterprise of which the community is proud.

The cast of the minstrel was as follows: Mrs. Grady Babson, interlocutor. Mrs. W. H. Vann, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. A. Adams, Mrs. O. P. Griffin, Mrs. Charles Baker, Mrs. A. E. Sasser, endmen.

Mrs. Pratt Pope, Mrs. G. H. Tucker, Misses Dorothy Barford, Elsie Swindler, Lois Oliver, Catherine Buchanan, Joe Griffin, Betty Barford, chorus.

Mr. Fred Reynolds and Mr. Joe Greene, comic duo. Mrs. Frank O'Connell, piano.

Mr. Neil Boone, guitar, and Mr. Clifford Temple, mandolin.

The performance was in regulation minstrel order, with the interlocutor in the center, the chorus in the foreground and the black-face performers at the ends. The show ended with a humorous playlet in which Mrs. W. A. Adams and Mrs. Charles Baker were the characters.

The school children were taken to the fair in a body on Wednesday.

"Catholics seem to be our principal diversion these days. The Belle Glade bus met with an accident in West Palm Beach, when a city bus backed into it. On Wednesday, due to the heavy smoke, the Winkelman truck of Miami, collided with one of the road trucks injuring its radiator so badly that a new one had to be installed, while the driver of the truck was badly cut about the face by broken glass. On Monday evening Mrs. L. T. Creech collided with a car driven by a colored man in Belle Glade, slightly injuring her. Little daughter who was with her.

An open air movie has been holding forth here for several evenings. The Bible class held a county convention here Sunday, meeting at the home of W. H. Badger in the forenoon and conducting services at the school house in the afternoon.

Mrs. Lora La Mause, a noted W. C. T. U. author and lecturer, was an interesting speaker at the church on Monday evening.

The registration office for Canal Point is at the office of The Everglades News.

Mrs. J. R. Poland is the registration officer for the Pahokee precinct.

## SPRING CROPS OF BEANS BEGIN TO MOVE BY EXPRESS

25 Per Cent Cut In Yield By Frost In Fields Away From Lake

SETTING TOMATOES STILL UNDER WAY

Prices Far Better Than Usual Compensate Lower Yields

Movement of the spring crop of green beans from the Canal Point-Pahokee district got under way this week on the scheduled date. The shipments this week being by express, with car lot shipments to roll next week.

The weather of the past week has been a mixture of good and bad. Frost beans were injured to the extent of 20 per cent in some of the fields in sections 3, 10, 15 and 20 and singed some tomatoes. The acreage on which beans were injured is estimated at 200; this is equivalent to a 25 per cent reduction in the yield that was in prospect. The remaining 600 acres probably will produce about 150 car loads.

A light rain yesterday furnished moisture that was needed by potato, tomato and bean vines and will make bean vines yield better but the injury done to many of the fields in January and the slow growth under cold weather conditions in the past month will limit production to an average of 100 bushels to the acre for the district as a whole.

The acreage of tomatoes is estimated at 1200, which is just about the average of a year ago. Some transplanting is still being done and setting of plants will still be under way all next week.

No permanent fancy beans are being brought in for sale or shipment. Second quality stuff has brought \$5.50 to \$7.50 per hamper, ordinary \$3.50 to \$5.50. The fancy stock that will come in next week is expected to sell for above \$7.50.

The north market range is from \$7.50 to \$12. The unusually high prices will compensate for the smaller production.

Potatoes were dug at Kraemer Island this week and sold at \$3 per bushel, or about 25 cents a crate.

Roscoe Lee Bradlock at Chosen has the largest potato acreage at the south end of the lake. He will dig early next month.

Center Hill has no beans and will not have any before April 15 and the movement will not be heavy until the first of May. V. A. Stewart, a New York commission man, writes to P. W. Hawkins, his representative in the Everglades. The letter was received Wednesday and was written before the frost that occurred on that day. It is presumed that the frost retarded to Center Hill but there is no direct information.

First Car of Spauldings The first carload of Spaulding Rose 4 potatoes were shipped out of Florida Tuesday, February 27, and were sold for \$15 per barrel f. o. b. Fort Pierce. They were sold by the Bagbee Distributing Company of Hastings and grown by Broadview Farms, Fort Pierce. The market usually opens at \$10 to \$12.50.

It was understood that several cars would roll from east coast points last week and that this week will find growers in the Vero district, digging. C. W. Hall, former Hastings potato grower, grew the first car that rolled out this year.

Clewiston Among the recent industries which will be permanently located in Clewiston is the firm of E. L. Alston & Son, who will erect a cement block plant at Francisco street. This plant will have a capacity of 1500 cement blocks per day and will begin operations as soon as work on the building is completed.

Mr. Alston, senior, formerly a merchant in Richmond, Ga., comes to Clewiston from Hollywood, Fla., where he has been engaged in business for the past six months.

Smith & Peoples, dealers in meats and groceries, have moved from their former location at the corner of Franklin and Duval streets to the temporary business block on Avenida del Rio. Other occupants of this building are S. B. Walsh with a line of drugs, cigars, stationery and candy, and the Clewiston Furniture Company of which Frank Richmond is manager.

E. A. Funkhouser will leave next week for his old home in Providence, Ky., to visit his parents.

## MORE TALK ABOUT R. R. RIGHT OF WAY

PROGRESS MADE AT CONFERENCE IN WEST PALM BEACH WITH LANDOWNERS

Negotiations for right of way between Canal Point and Pahokee have been renewed, according to information received early this week from West Palm Beach. Right of way Agent Fox of St. Augustine, D. R. McNeill of Okeechobee and a third man met Mr. Fred Schwarz and E. J. Sharov, who are buying sections 3, 10, 15 and 20, Thursday and Friday of last week in West Palm Beach and partial agreement was reached by mutual concessions. One of the points discussed was the location of the passenger and freight station to serve Pahokee.

F. E. C. To Issue Bonds WASHINGTON, March 9.—(C. C. Suburban Florida East Coast Railway to issue \$15,000,000 first and reconvert mortgage 5 per cent bonds and to sell them at not less than 95.

Bonds will be sold to J. P. Morgan and Company and proceeds used for construction, completion, extension, or improvement of facilities, reimbursement of money expended from income and for expenditures already made, or to be made in the future.

Rock Digging Dredge Sunk In W.P.B. Canal The Arandel Corporation dipper dredge, Caloosahatchee, working in West Palm Beach canal under contract to Everglades drainage district, sunk the latter part of last week. The hull was only partially submerged, the spuds holding up the front end. Raising and righting the dredge is a ticklish job but is only a routine affair to dredge.

The Caloosahatchee is at Loxahatchee, 16 miles west of West Palm Beach and 25 miles east of Canal Point. The district's auction dredge, Reclaimer, is about a mile east of the Caloosahatchee, removed from the rock the dipper dredge digs.

Moore Haven Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending March 6, 1926.

Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the week ending Saturday, March 6, 1926.

Temperature, Rain, Evaporation, Max. Min. Fall. Rate.

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Everglades Experiment Station, Belle Glade, Florida. Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the week ending Saturday, March 6, 1926.

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## PAHOKEE ROAD IS BEING HELD BACK BY COMMISSIONERS

They Use Funds To Pay Attorney To Oppose Residents' Wishes

COULD STOP SUIT AND START WORK

Original Route Is Wider Than Surface Proposed For Rock

The board of county commissioners of Palm Beach county is holding up the construction of a road between Canal Point and Pahokee.

The are holding up the execution of a contract that states the route of the road. They can let work proceed on the original route and under the contract if they will.

The commissioners can have their attorney withdraw opposition to a suit that Mr. N. H. H. is about to file. Chillingworth in the circuit court.

The commissioners pay the attorney. The attorney does for the commissioners what the commissioners employ him to do.

If "public funds are being wasted in a lawsuit about the route of a road," the money is being wasted because the commissioners are spending it. They can call off the attorney, stop paying him fees and stop court expense, and let the money be spent for road work on the lake front route. It is up to the commissioners.

A right of way is available from the bridge to the north line of section 4. This right of way may not be for 66 feet, it is wide enough for as wide as a pavement as would put on a 66 foot right of way. It is not planned to put a wider old surface on the road on a 66 foot right of way than on a 40-foot right of way.

A state aid bill is all right for the future but a good paved road built by district No. 11 is what is wanted. More than 30 roads all over Florida have been designated for state aid in the future. The chairman of the state highway department says it will take 12 years to complete the present program of roads now designated for state aid. The chairman of the state highway department says it will take 12 years to complete the present program of roads now designated for state aid.

Pahokee is not designated for state aid. We don't want to have to wait for road to Pahokee until state aid is given.

The Pahokee road does not connect with a state aid road—it connects at Canal Point with a toll road.

The Everglades News doesn't care particularly whether the Pahokee road runs to the lake from Canal Point or back of the ridge but it does want the truth known and told about road matters, and the truth is that a road could be built across the lake by this time if the county commissioners had let the contracting firm build the road where the contract said.

Residents of Canal Point brought suit only when the county commissioners changed the route. The county commissioners might have let the suit go without opposition but they are having their attorney oppose the suit and are thereby holding up the work.

The Everglades News should not think the Pahokee road should be on a 21-foot grade. For one reason, if there is a 21-foot grade that justifies the chief drainage engineer in holding the lake high and we think the lake should be lowered and held at not above 16 feet. With the lake at 16 feet a 21-foot road elevation is not needed.

As we understand it, the county engineer wants a route where he can get a 66-foot right of way in order to have space from which to dig enough dirt to raise the grade 21 feet. If a 40-foot right of way is used the grade will be lower than 21 feet. Therefore it looks to us as if a 40-foot right of way is wide enough.

R. W. Shackford and other parties to the suit tell us that they have been asked to pay the grade 21 feet. They say that anyone has offered to pave in front of their properties and they say that any practical offer of compromise has been made to them.

Several weeks ago, at a meeting at Pahokee, the county commissioners were asked to call off their attorney and let the suit be settled. That action represents the majority feeling of the people of East Beach and The Everglades News stands with the majority opinion as they express it.

Settlement of the controversy, by conference and compromise, can be effected, if all the parties at interest are disposed, but there should be more declarations that "your co-operation is not wanted."

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### NOTICE

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS

The office typewriter machine suffered a nervous breakdown in consequence of two years hard work without rest or overhauling and is in the hospital. To write the "copy" for the paper in longhand is so much of a job as to make it impossible to answer letters and write reports on the longhand, and correspondents must await the uncertain time when the use of a new typewriter will allow attention to their letters.

Sorry—but such is life in the Everglades.

### DON'T FALL FOR IT

Circulars that are being sent out by the "Florida Theatres & Amusement Corporation" of St. Petersburg are written in a manner that is an appeal only to suckers. Accompanying the circular is what the promoters call a "certificate of subscription rights," a scheme that costs donors on the whole. We advise our readers not to send any money to the company.

### LEAVE US OUT

At a meeting held in West Palm Beach Monday of last week steps were taken for the organization of a district in which mosquito control work would be undertaken under a law enacted at the last regular session of the legislature.

A newspaper report of the meeting says it is proposed that the district embrace the greater part of Palm Beach county. "Boundaries voted for the proposed district included all territory west of range 42 from Jupiter to the northern limits of the county. It is possible that a clerical or typographical error has mistaken the western boundary; it is possible that this boundary will not be maintained even if it is correctly described in the newspaper report. We advise, in any event, that the Lake Okechobee district of the county be left out of the proposed district.

The east coast cities are east of range 42. To form a district of territory west of that range and tax it for the benefit of the territory east of it is so unfair, on the face of it, as to call for nothing more than the statement of this protest to prevent the proposed boundary from being "set." The object of the meeting was merely and can be necessary to benefit and without our influence.

### OBSERVATIONS

Good "copy" is being written for the Burguiers & Chipley ads in the Palm Beach Post. It is good because it is true and it is true because it is written by a man who knows.

East Coast Fair is being advocated in West Palm Beach. It's a good idea. There should be an annual East Coast Fair. Likewise there should be an annual Everglades Fair. This is a hint to South Bay and Belle Glade.

The editor of the South Florida Developer, who ought to know better, refers to the editor of The Everglades News as HANOLD Sharp. Mr. Artimus Ward would say it is "2 much." Only one indignity is worse, and if the body of an old man is being tossed in the canal, his features contorted in anguish, the coroner's jury may know by these signs that someone has called the editor of this paper Algernon or Reginald.

John L. Scribner has been appointed county agent for St. Johns county. He is specially well fitted for the work in St. Johns, the center of the potato growing industry in the state, having been seed specialist for the Maine Potato Exchange during the past year. Prior to that he was with a Maine chemical company for a year, and was county agent in Aroostook county, Maine, where most of the Florida seed potatoes are grown, for nearly six years.

People do what they have to do, and as a rule they don't do any more. Every once in a while I read in the Agricultural News Service or a country weekly or a farm paper of some side line or device a farmer has used to make some extra money, and I cast about in my mind to recall something of the kind done by a trucker in the Lake Okechobee region, but I can never bring to mind that sort of a story. What the farmers on East Beach and at South Bay have done is place—nothing out of the ordinary.

There is a reason for this, of course; there is a reason for everything. Trucking is an established and stabilized business in the Lake Okechobee region; it is run on a schedule, in routine fashion, for the whole of it is a profitable business. The farmers here do not have to resort to devices and expedients to make a living. It isn't that they are in a rut; it is merely that they are doing the best thing the best way and that's all there is to it. Some of the things they do that are commonplace to us who see them daily might be news to others, when printed in outside papers, but it is not news to us. We do not pretend that we can instruct others, and also we doubt that others can instruct us much, for our Lake Okechobee conditions are unique.

## EPIC PROGRESS

This article may not please the men who are operating at Clewiston, installing drainage works in Sugarland district and directing the improvement of the Clewiston townsite with the purpose of making a city. It is hoped it will not offend them but, with whatever errors as to details it may contain, it must stand because it contains elements that relate to the present discussion of the state of the Everglades. The Everglades News is not a "house organ" or a corporation's promotion agency; it seeks to record and picture the phases and aspects of Everglades development somewhat as would a historian.

It seems to me there is something of the element of a Greek drama in the history of Everglades development—an orderly and fateful succession of events progressing to a predestined end. Something of the sort I see in the Clewiston development, if I have the facts right.

The land now embraced in the Sugarland district was owned some years ago by the South Florida Farms Company, organized by a Mr. Moore who had operated in Seattle, Wash., and Clarence M. Busch, once state printer of Pennsylvania. It was from Moore that the town of Moore Haven got its name. Moore withdrew from the company and the title was put in Mr. Busch as trustee. On Moore's withdrawal the project languished and was languishing when D. W. Stevenson, cashier of the Bank of Moore Haven, took a contract for sale of the property and interested a group of Kansas City land men in its purchase or purchase of a part of the South Florida Farms Company holdings.

The Kansas City land men organized a holding company under the name National Farms Estate, put out a bond issue and began bringing in farmers, prospective buyers of their Florida lands, from the mid-west to Moore Haven. The bonds were sold through the Mississippi river valley. The Kansas City land men were making sales but they found that drainage had to be perfected, and they brought about the creation of Moore Haven drainage district. Execution of the plan of drainage was halted by a restraining order issued on the application of a land owner who was not in their crowd. Then the 1922 flood came on and it was not expected to bring in the prospective buyers. The inflation policy lowered the price of western farm products and caused the failure of the Kansas City bank that was financing the Kansas City-Florida land men. About that time the National Farms Estate put out a second issue of bonds, or mortgage issue, on the lands. Because of the high water in the Everglades, resulting from incomplete drainage, and the failure of its bankers, the National Farms Estate defaulted in payments and its lands were to be sold under foreclosure proceedings.

Isaac T. Cook of St. Louis, Mo., was consulted by the holders of first-issue bonds of the National Farms Estate and asked to see what he could do about adjusting affairs. He was known as a god business man—a financier and executive, who had made a reputation by his purchases of city realty and the erection of office buildings and their management. He had never dealt in farm lands, not even in suburban realty. Cook had two independent investigations made of the Florida proposition and on the basis of those reports said he was inclined to look into the matter further, on which statement Colonel Paul Brown, of St. Louis went to Moore Haven with Mr. Cook and bid in the old South Florida Farms Company land that had been taken over by the National Farms Estate.

The men who had been bond buyers thus became land owners in the Everglades. They had the choice of letting the lands lie and awaiting a buyer or developing. The civil engineers, firm of Hagson & Elliott of Peoria, Ill., and Memphis, Tenn., reputed to be the best land reclamation engineers in the country, was engaged to make a report and its report was that the control of water was physically practicable. This brought about the decision to have a special, or sub-district, drainage district organized, and the Sugarland drainage district was created. These new owners had the advantage of ownership of a large body of land by a small group—they did not have to consult a multitude of uninformed small owners.

A study of the land disclosed that it was well adapted to growing sugar cane. Mr. Cook was a director in the Celotex Company of which B. G. Dahlberg is president; the Celotex Company manufactures a product for which bagasse, the residue of sugar cane stalks is the raw material, and Mr. Cook seems to have consulted with Mr. Dahlberg as to the use of the Everglades land. Celotex had proved a great success, its sales were large, and the factory at New Orleans was using practically all of the bagasse that was available in the Louisiana districts. Mr. Dahlberg's participation with Mr. Cook and the owners of the Everglades tract was logical.

John J. O'Brien, who had been associated with Clarence M. Busch in the early days of the Moore Haven development, had bought the land on Lake Okechobee 14 miles east of Moore Haven, at a point originally known as Sand Point, and with a Mr. Clewis of Tampa had laid out a townsite under the name Clewiston, and had John Nolen of Cambridge, Mass., a city planner, make a layout for a combined resort town and industrial center. The townsite was on the lake from the land owned by Mr. Cook's clients was back of the townsite, and if the plans that were being evolved were to be matured, control of the Clewiston townsite was desirable. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Clewis sold the townsite to them.

Note how logically one step followed another, the succession of events, the fresh scrutiny of the land and its surroundings. Moore of Seattle saw a good thing in it, the stockholders of the South Florida Farms Company saw a good thing in it, the Kansas City land men saw a good thing in it. But all of them were too precipitate, they underestimated the need of drainage and they got in too early. But the fundamental proposition remained sound and withstood every fresh examination. Under each new ownership some advance was made—there was progress all the time. John J. O'Brien had seen the Moore Haven and Clewiston territory from its original sawgrass condition and what he saw, instead of deterring him, led him to found the town of Clewiston, which the St. Louis people have now taken over.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad had not been built into Moore Haven when Mr. Moore engaged on his town-building enterprise; O'Brien had to build a railroad to his Clewiston townsite—the present owners of the South Florida Farms Company and the Clewiston townsite have the heritage of years of planning and effort.

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## Around The Great Lake

### OKEEELANTA

OKEEELANTA, Fla., March 8.—This community was much gratified to learn that the Covells, sole exhibitors from here at the county fair, carried off first prize on daisies and second on celery. Give the sawgrass lands just half a show and you will see what they can produce.

S. R. Copper, our postmaster, motorized to the county seat on business Monday. George Graham will be in charge of the office until his return.

A number of the South Bay ladies visited Okeelanta during the week in order to advertise the lecture by Mrs. Lora S. LaMance at their church on Wednesday, the 9th.

Ed Norris, a restaurant here in 1917-18, paid his old friends a short visit last Friday. He was greatly disappointed by the present conditions on the south shore of the lake in general, and Okeelanta in particular, which at the time of his departure eight years ago, promised a prosperous future. He and his accompanying Kentucky friend, left in the afternoon on their return trip to Palm Beach, their present home.

It looks as though we shall yet be connected with the outside world by a direct road to the bottom of the Hillsboro canal via Gladesclark along the Bolles canal. Glory be. The dragline has reached the east end to begin work. This road, which was marked on the old county maps as cross-state highway, will shorten the distance to the county seat about 15 miles. We could move as slowly in payment of our annual taxes as the county has moved in providing roads, there would be no room for censures.

The friends of R. C. Gerver, a pioneer in the Glades, who is now at the hospital in Palm Beach, were not permitted to learn about his critical condition. The advanced stage of blood poison necessitated the removal of two toes, which had to be followed by the amputation of the foot. The probability is, according to the doctors that a third operation may have to be performed to save his life.

Considerable planting is still being done in this vicinity.

This has been a rather uneventful week as to visiting cars. A party of four Kansas, however, came motorizing in late in the afternoon of Monday, T. F. Barker, one of the members, owns two ten-acre tracts well located in the direction of Okeelanta's best advertised suburb, Lake Harbor.

Ben and John Anjima took their visiting parent back to his job in Palm Beach Sunday afternoon, returning enjoying the movies before indulging some that night.

### MOORE HAVEN

(Compiled from The Democrat.)

A muck fire starting half a mile west of the corporate limits threatened to destroy many homes along three miles of canal, being fanned by a strong wind which made the grass burn with great velocity and burning embers carry so far that a fire raged through Dixton Island district for miles. Several homes were saved from destruction by faithful work of volunteers, and other muck is burning west of the corporate limits and when it can be stopped is not known.

The Radcliff Chautauqua in Moore Haven last week was one of the most successful enterprises ever put over here.

The temporary restraining order granted N. F. Stone and D. L. Lence which brought work on the new county court house to a stop last week, was dissolved when a hearing was had before Judge Whitehurst at Fort Myers on the merits of the proposition.

W. J. Henry has returned to Moore Haven from Okeechobee and taken a job as meat cutter in the Sanitary Market.

To give the county clerk more room, Sheriff Richards has moved his office from the court house to his residence.

### OKEECHOBEE

(Compiled from The News.)

J. R. Bennett has bought the Southland Gas from P. E. Smith.

Mail is now carried by the Seaboard on two trains in each direction with railway postal clerk service each day.

A rural free delivery route, the first in the county, will start from Okeechobee May 1.

The M. E. church building was dedicated Sunday, February 28, by Bishop Ainsworth.

The mother of D. R. McNeill died at Ocala March 1.

The United Candy and Tobacco Company has had to take larger quarters and has moved to the building formerly occupied by the bottling works.

The Okeechobee Boat took the first prize at the Hollywood All-Florida celebration.

Frank E. Brimmer calls W. J. Conners a "moderate Apollus Claudius," which isn't at all bad.

The county commissioners have awarded the contract to C. A. Sted and Sons to riprap and widen Parrott avenue from the city limits at Sixteenth street to Conners Highway. The graded part of the street will be 60 feet wide, while the paving, with an 11-foot rock shoulder, will be 42 feet wide, which will be the widest paved highway of any county or state rural road in Florida.

### CLEWISTON

CLEWISTON, Fla., March 8.—The Clewiston Building Material Company, with an authorized capital of \$75,000, has been organized to handle plumbing and electrical supplies and hardware as well as lumber. Stocks are in hand to facilitate the building program outlined for the immediate future by both business men and home owners.

The officers of the company are: F. L. Williamson, president; C. L. McDavitt, treasurer; Wade Alexander, secretary, all of Clewiston.

CLEWISTON, Fla., March 10.—The progress map for the month of February of the engineering staff of Clewiston Company, Inc., which has charge of the work of improving the townsite for business and residential purposes, shows a marked advance in the amount of work accomplished.

According to F. L. Williamson, general manager, the operations during the four weeks' period include the following: Between five and six miles of streets were rough graded; 6,000 feet of streets were surfaced with macadam; 100 feet of concrete sidewalks were laid and 7,110 feet of six inch, water mains were installed.

In action, approximately 1,000 acres of the total area of 2,800 acres included in the townsite have been cleared; a permanent water tower with a 50,000 gallon capacity has been erected at the Civic Center; the filtration plant with a capacity of 10,000 gallons per hour was completed; two water towers, two bridges and six culverts were built and considerable progress made in the erection of the sewerage system.

Plans made for similar work to be carried out during the month of March indicate, it is reported, that the improvement program is to be hastened as rapidly as possible.

### THE COUNTY

Investment of a million and a half more in equipment is promised Palm Beach if the telephone company is permitted to increase its charge for exchange service \$1 per month.

Contract for the erection of a \$400,000 Episcopal church at Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Delray, was awarded to the Hagerman & Harris Construction Company of New York. The site is in Palm Beach.

The contractor promises to have the building finished in five months.

Three daily newspapers suspended publication last week. They were printed in a shop at Boynton and were represented as serving Palm Beach, Lake Worth and Delray. There never was any subscription for them except as the organs of a real estate promotion.

Another important connecting link between Palm Beach and West Palm Beach was affected Thursday when Paris Singer officially opened the new Sherman Point bridge by driving the first car to Palm Beach from the Ocean, his \$100,000 development north of Lake Worth inlet.

Two hundred men began work last week at Delray on the Seaboard's line to Miami. The route is a little more than half a mile west of the town's present business center.

Brick from Cuba is being used at Delray.

The Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce advises that the municipal electric light plant be sold to the power trust that the city commissioners decline to act until voters have expressed their desire.

### THE COUNTY SEAT

(West Palm Beach, County Seat.)

The city manager having withdrawn his charge of negligence or incompetency against Dr. J. A. Powell, Dr. Powell has withdrawn his suit against the city manager.

Rhea-Zeigler, a 6-year-old pupil in the north borough school, was killed when struck by an automobile driven by Edward Adler. There is no sidewalk at the school although it is on a main road.

West Palm Beach was assured of another modern hotel when a building permit was granted to J. P. Kan.

The new structure will cost \$100,000. Construction work is to be started at once so that the hotel will be completed in time to entertain guests by the next year.

W. Lee McLane, of Hollywood, Fla., is the builder.

John C. Condit, owner of the Palm Beach Post, for two years vice commodore of the yacht club, has been elected commodore for the new term.

February postal receipts were \$20,250, a 75 per cent increase over February of 1925.

### STATE GENERAL

Chancery M. Dewey, for many years United States senator from New York, makes his winter home at St. Augustine.

J. M. Lindsay, a real estate salesman of West Palm Beach, was nominated at the Republican convention in Orlando as the candidate for United States senator to oppose Park Trammell, who will be the Democratic nominee.

A total of 26,740,893 gallons of gasoline was consumed in Florida in January. Multiply this by the amount of the road tax and see how much the income was.

### SOME METHOD TESTS IN RIPENING TOMATOES

By J. T. Rosa  
In The Packer

Shipments of tomatoes filled 27,351 cars in 1925, and most of this enormous quantity routed from the southern states and California as "green wraps" or green mature fruit. The ripening of these tomatoes after arrival at destination is an item of considerable expense, and often losses are incurred through spoilage. Also the inferior quality of these artificially ripened tomatoes from the consumers' point of view, has often slowed up sales and decreased consumption. Experiments have therefore been carried on, to discover methods for hastening the ripening process and if possible to develop better quality in the artificially ripened fruit.

Last summer, a number of experiments at Dade with three varieties of tomatoes, Globe Earliana and Stone, showed conclusively that green tomatoes could be brought to full red color quickly by storing them in rooms with a low concentration of ethylene gas. In fact, the time for ripening was reduced from 12 to 14 days in the case of fruit ripened in air in the usual way, to about six days with the ethylene. Further research was necessary, however, to determine by chemical analyses, if other ripening processes were affected, as well as simply the development of the red color.

Fruits ripened on the vine, fruit picked in the green-mature stage and ripened in air, and similar fruit ripened in ethylene, were compared. Vine-ripened fruit were found to be high in sugar and low in acids. The air-ripened fruits were much lower in sugar, in fact, had no more sugar than green tomatoes, and were high in acid. The ethylene-ripened fruits were also rather low in sugar, but their acid content was down to about the same point as in vine ripened fruit. This combination should make the ethylene ripened fruit of higher quality than the air-ripened; in fact more nearly comparable to vine-ripened fruit.

Other differences were also detected in fruit ripened in the three different ways. The percentage of total nitrogen was lower in all artificially ripened fruit than in the vine ripened. However, the proportion of the nitrogen in soluble form was about the same, regardless of method of ripening. The per cent of total solids was found to be about the same in all cases.

However, green fruit has a smaller per cent of soluble solids than vine ripened fruit. In fruit artificially ripened, either in air or in ethylene, the soluble solids are less than in vine ripened, but are much higher than in the green fruit when picked.

Since the ethylene accelerates the coloring and other ripening processes in tomato fruit, it was necessary to determine if the softening process was affected.

Fruits vine-ripened, ripened in air, and ripened in ethylene, were kept in storage at 65 to 75 degrees F. until they became too soft to use. It was found that the vine ripened fruit went down first, these becoming too soft to handle after a few days. However, the fruits artificially ripened remained firm for a much longer time; in fact, had about the same storage-life, regardless of whether they had been ripened quickly, in ethylene, or slowly in air.

The gas used in these experiments, ethylene, is obtainable in compressed form in steel cylinders, and as the amount used is so small, the cost is negligible. The use of this gas in ripening tomatoes, concentrations of about one part ethylene to 4,000 parts air have been found effective. Higher concentrations do no harm, and even lower concentrations may be effective. Reasonably tight rooms should be used for the gas, and where fruit is ripened, and the doors should be kept closed, or double doors installed. Gas must be applied at least once each day, and probably two doses per day would be better if the room is not very tight, or if the door is opened often. The temperature should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees F. Ripening will be slower at lower temperatures. The presence of moisture, as now practiced in tomato ripening rooms, is not necessary. The gas is not dangerous at low concentrations.

but is explosive at high concentrations.

It is believed the method of ripening green-mature tomatoes in ethylene will result in the production of tomatoes more nearly comparable to vine-ripened fruit, than do present methods of ripening such fruit in air. The new method also involves an important saving in time, and minimizes the chances of loss through shrinkage and decay. This will represent an economy to receivers and distributors of southern and western tomatoes. It is thought, too, that eastern and northern growers of tomatoes for local markets, can very materially increase their output of extra quality product, by picking the green mature fruit and ripening it artificially.

### SOUTH FLORIDA

Hallandale has been annexed to Hollywood.

Contracts have been let to the C. P. A. Turner Company of Minneapolis for building three long bridges on the route of the highway from Key West to the mainland.

DeSoto county has practically completed building a \$100,000 system of county-wide roads, started a year ago, and all roads planned have been built according to contract, besides 25 miles of well graded local roads in addition, and there will be a surplus of more than \$20,000 left in the road fund!

At Wauchula, a trucking town, work has started on an \$80,000 town hall. Raymond T. Richey is conducting meetings at St. Petersburg.

### MARTIN COUNTY

(Stuart, County Seat.)

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company has opened a grocery store at Stuart, the town's first "chain" store.

M. H. Hock of Miami and associates have bought for \$275,000 a 60-acre tract on the two Dixie-Highways, where pineapples are now growing. The land will be subdivided.

Forty delegates from Martin county attended the Republican state convention at Stuart.

Mrs. Earl F. Johnson of Ocoato, Wis., a niece of Abraham Lincoln, is a winter resident of Stuart.

Martin county's first fair was held the first week in March.

## BANK OF CANAL POINT

## OPENING

has been delayed on account of difficulty in securing building material. However, Thibodeaux still insists that he will have everything completed in

## Ten Days

The burden of delay is on him and we shall continue to run this paragraph until he does complete the building.

## BANK OF CANAL POINT

STATE LAND SOLD  
TALLAHASSEE, March 9.—Two and a half acres of state land were sold today at the weekly meeting of the Internal Improvement Board. E. C. Cook of Well-

born, bought forty acres in Suwannee county at slightly over \$15 per acre, and G. W. Bingham, of West Palm Beach, took over 1,000 acres in Dade county, at \$75 per acre.

## "On to Stuart"

"The Atlantic Gateway to the Gulf of Mexico"

## A Treasure Hunt for GOLD

## You are Eligible to Participate

On an island in the upper south fork of the St. Lucie River near Stuart, Martin County, Florida, is a building just erected for the entertainment of those who love to fish and to enjoy the scenic beauties of the prettiest river in Florida, but who do not want to spend hard-earned money on de luxe surroundings.

The cost (for the next sixty days) is simply the expense of getting there. Boats are free, bait is free, no charge of any sort is made. WE WANT YOU TO SEE THE ONLY PROPERTY OF ITS EXACT KIND BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI.

Millionaires are not the only folks who want to play in Florida, even if they are the only ones who can afford to stop at the highest-priced hotels, play golf, give houseboat parties, etc., etc., including changes of clothing every few hours. Nay, nay, and again nay. They are very welcome. Their money makes for our prosperity. But should they have a monopoly of the joys of Florida? Not by a long sight.

We are like Jack Harrison of El Belva fame in Stuart: "We cater to just folks." We propose to make possible at little or no cost some of the finest fishing in Florida, certainly some of the finest scenery, and we want to make it so likeable that you will want to own a small piece of land and build a little house, neat and attractive, but not costly, where you can enjoy yourselves with the Missus and the little fellers and their sisters. We think there is no spot just so good on the whole East Coast. We own the land. It is paid for. We give title insurance of a \$14,000 company with every lot.

But before you buy SEE IT.

So, to attract you we are going to BURY SOME GOLD, and on Saturday, March 13, the hunt for the GOLD starts. YOU MIGHT FIND IT. Anyway, come to Stuart, eat lunch with us on the island, look things over, have a boat ride. Your money is counterfeit with us except as a binder on a lot.

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### CANAL POINT

What can we do to make money so we can live in Florida? Get the answer from Claude C. Coleman, Canal Point, Florida.

Born to Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Speer, a daughter, Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Speer and baby are in Gainesville at the home of Mrs. Speer's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Griffith drove to Fort Mead Monday, where Mrs. Griffith will remain with her parents until she has recovered from a catarrhal attack.

The Boy Scouts held a meeting Monday evening, March 8th. This meeting was especially given over to ordering their troop supplies and private equipment.

Emil Saar of Davis was the guest of Jack Barrett Wednesday. He is running two dragline machines on Dixie Highway and had been on a trip to Brighton when he stopped here.

Tommie and Dan Griffith, until recently connected with county road work, have gone to Fort Lauderdale where they will work with A. A. Sturges, in charge of city street improvements.

P. W. Hawkins of Annapolis, Md., representing Stewart & Company, commission merchants of New York, has returned to Canal Point to remain until the close of the winter tracking season. He was here last fall and remained until the January 14 freeze.

W. V. Eastman of West Palm Beach, was in Canal Point the latter part of last week. He has a clamshell dredge in St. Lucie canal and is building a suction dredge on the coast. Mr. Eastman is a pioneer boatman in the Everglades, having hauled vegetables from Lake Okechobee to West Palm Beach as long ago as ten years.

Mrs. James T. Spencer and two daughters of Miami, spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Grady Raborn, before leaving for Paris, Texas. Mr. Spencer will join his wife here before she leaves. Mrs. Charles Watts, mother of Mrs. Raborn and Mrs. Spencer, is favorably impressed with Canal Point and will probably locate here permanently and will open a business of some kind.

### LETTERS FROM READERS

Route C, Box 83, Visalia, Cal.

February 20 1926.

Mr. Howard Sharp, Canal Point, Fla.  
Dear Sir: Enclosed find money order for subscription to The Everglades News. Your little old paper looks good to me. I hope to share hands with you by next June or July. Sincerely yours, John A. Deaner.

### ATTENTION F. & A. M.

All members of Everglades Lodge, No. 211, F. & A. M., and brethren visiting in this vicinity are requested to attend a special communication called for Wednesday, March 17, at 7:30 p. m. There will be work and instruction in the E. A. degree.—L. C. Goodley, Sec.

### PASSING THROUGH

E. C. Davies, of Lake Worth, once the judge of the judicial circuit that embraces Palm Beach county, stopped in Canal Point Friday on his way home from Orlando, where he attended a Republican convention. Mr. Davies has acted as attorney for some of the east coast people who own real estate in Canal Point.

When Jack Oliver, the Tampa wholesale hardware salesman, came into the Everglades last week he was accompanied by his son, Paul Oliver, who was "making the territory" with him. Paul has been a draughtsman in a U. S. government camp at San Antonio, Texas, and is to work in a hardware store at New Smyrna. Texas is the greatest state in the Union—until you have seen Florida. It is young Mr. Oliver's appraisal of the two sections.

### BRIDGE CLUB WEDNESDAY

The bridge club met Wednesday instead of Tuesday evening this week, deferring in favor of the minstrel given at Canal Point by the Womans Club. The club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poland and three tables were played. Hot chocolate and cookies were served and prizes for high score awarded. Miss Lois Oliver and J. R. Poland made high score Tuesday evening as they did Friday evening previous at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanson where four tables were played.

### WOMANS CLUB

The club was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. G. H. Tucker at her home. The meeting was called to order by the president, no new business was taken up. The minstrel was discussed. There being no other business the meeting was turned over to the hostess, who served delicious refreshments. The next meeting place was not fully decided upon. It will be announced in next week's paper.

Mrs. H. C. Webberington.  
Press Reporter.

### M. E. CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Thomas and wife last Wednesday evening with their friends at South Bay enjoyed a splendid play put on by the members of the Union Sunday school at Trinity M. E. church, South Bay, celebrating the eighth anniversary of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Barston, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. J. E. Templeton, Mrs. Walter Templeton, Mrs. Farnum, Mrs. Franz and Mrs. Willett were the

characters in the play. Frank Willett gave a reading, Miss Alice Forbes gave a solo, and little Master Glenn Barston gave a violin solo accompanied by his little sister on the piano. Two of the teachers, Miss Weatherly and Miss Harris gave a clever representation of the well-known scene between Sir Walter Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth.

Sunday school, 10 a. m., with attendance 40 to 60 and a sermon by pastor at 11 a. m. was well attended. Mrs. Lora S. La Mance, organizer for the W. C. T. U., gave a splendid lecture at the church Tuesday evening and organized a temperance union with 14 members. By their energetic efforts theirs was the first union of the state to win honorary mention.

Rev. Thomas will preach Sunday evening, 14th, 7:30; subject, "What will you do with Jesus?"

Wm. Jesse Thomas, Pastor.

Belle Glade

Rev. Thomas preached a sermon last Sunday; good attendance.

Sunday school, 10 a. m., attendance 25 to 35. W. C. T. U. Organizer Mrs. Lora S. La Mance gave a much enjoyed talk Monday evening.

Mr. Thomas will preach Sunday, 14th at 11 a. m. Subject, "Do You Commune with God?"

Wm. Jesse Thomas, Pastor.

Canal Point

Rev. Ward gave a splendid sermon Sunday evening. We are so glad to have brother and sister Ward with us and appreciate so much their help in

this great work. Brother Ward will help in the revival to begin the 28th of March.

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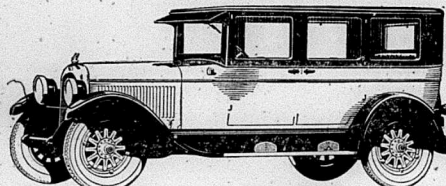
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## Farm Talk

Howard Sharp

## LAND FOR FARMERS

Belief of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce that many developers in the state will turn from the town lot proposition and devote their energies to agricultural lands and that Florida during the next two years will witness an unprecedented growth in farms and farm production is apparently borne out by investigations made by Lorenzo A. Wilson, president of the Wilson-Toomer Fertilizer Company. Mr. Wilson, in an address in the South Florida conference held Tuesday, declared it would not be surprising if farm development during the next two or three years does not sweep the state.

In central and west Florida developers who have purchased large tracts during the last few months have been quietly clearing the land, building roads and making other improvements necessary in the conversion of raw land into farms. On the lower east coast the Hollywood Corporation, according to Mr. Wilson, is developing a huge tract west of Hollywood, preparatory to settling it with farmers. In West Florida this character of work has been in progress since last spring and in central Florida, notably in Clay county, thousands of acres are undergoing development.

Mr. Wilson declared that the land hunger in the north and middle west is increasing by leaps and bounds as the result of the growing up of the sons of farmers who desire to strike out for themselves and that thousands will come to Florida the moment an attempt is made to bring them here and if the developers offer them advantageous opportunities. Some of the developers, Mr. Wilson said, are preparing to assist settlers financially and with expert advice about farming conditions in Florida until they are able to make their way by themselves. Thousands of farmers already established in the north and middle west, dissatisfied with comparatively small returns for their work and with the long, cold winters, are investigating opportunities here and the only thing necessary to settle them on the land is education relative to the advantages to be derived by moving to Florida.

Florida now imports hundreds of millions of dollars worth of foodstuffs which might be produced with the advantage that it would keep this money at home and there is every indication that business interests in the state have awakened to the immeasurable value of agricultural development.

The research department of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce has announced that

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preliminary work relative to a compilation of statistics on Florida farms and farm products has revealed some unexpected information on the situation as it exists in other states. In a campaign designed to foster diversification of crops and to induce southern farmers to produce more foodstuffs for their own and local consumption, the agricultural committee of the Arkansas Bankers' Association has delved into the report of the federal census of 1920 and issued a bulletin entitled "Foodless Farms."

The report covers only the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, South Carolina and Texas.

The ten states, according to the report, possessed in 1920 farms to the number of 2,550,407 with 92,645,780 acres in crops. Then it sets forth the following; the figures represent the number of farms:

Raised no corn	299,827
Raised no hay or forage	1,382,018
Raised no oats	2,105,506
Produced no eggs	500,411
Had no garden	597,247
Without a dairy cow	945,333
Did not raise a chicken	950,980
Made no butter	1,172,778
Did not raise a pig	1,438,514
Raised no sweet potatoes	1,481,297
Raised no Irish potatoes	2,005,393
Grew no cane for syrup	1,532,415
Had no pure bred animals	2,415,966
Farms operated by tenants	1,407,494

## Disinfecting Truck Crop Seed With Corrosive Sublimite

By G. F. Weber.

Truck crop seeds should be disinfected before they are planted to prevent seed-borne diseases from developing on the seedlings. The best disinfectant to use for this purpose is corrosive sublimate. This disinfectant can be purchased at your local drug store. It should be dissolved in water to make a solution to the strength of 1:1000 and the seeds should be soaked in this solution for a period of time. After the seeds are soaked, they should then be rinsed in clear water and spread out to dry. They are then ready to plant.

Corrosive sublimate is deadly poison and should be handled accordingly. It can be purchased either in the form of crystals or in tablet form. If a large quantity of seed is to be treated, it would be well to purchase the poison in the crystal form. One ounce of crystals dissolved in 7-12 gallons of water will make a solution to the strength of 1:1000. The corrosive sublimate crystals are easily dissolved in hot water. This will facilitate the process. If only small quantities of the disinfectant are desired, it is best to purchase the poison in the form of tablets, then dissolve one tablet in one pint of water and the solution of 1:1000 is obtained.

The disinfecting solution should be made up in crocks or wooden containers and never in metal containers. If mixed in metal the solution will be weakened by the disinfecting agent sticking to the metal.

The seed to be treated should be tied loosely in a thin cloth bag, and submerged in the solution. Stir them occasionally with a stick to loosen all air bubbles that may be clinging to them. Soak them for the number of minutes as designated below. At the end of this time remove them from the disinfectant, rinse them in several changes of clear water, making sure that they are thoroughly washed, then spread them out to dry in the shade. As soon as they are dry they are ready to plant. It is best to use a fresh solution with each batch of seed.

In measuring the amount of solution to treat a required amount of seed it is well to shake up about three times the volume of disinfectant compared with the volume of seed to be treated. After the disinfectant is used it should be disposed of carefully because it is deadly poison and will kill anything that drinks it. It is also well to take particular pains in caring for the treated seed, because there is also danger of these being fatal should they be eaten.

When the seed are spread out to dry one should be careful not to place them where there is danger of re-infection by common diseases that may cause damage in the field. Newspapers are very convenient to spread the seeds on.

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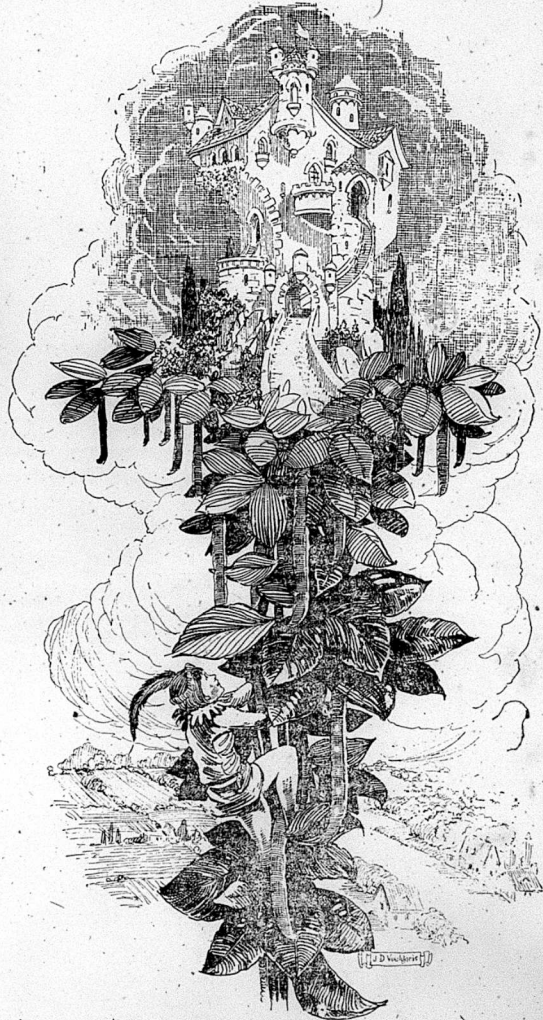
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